

SGS Acquires Agri-Food Laboratories

SGS is pleased to announce the acquisition of Agri-Food Laboratories Inc. (AFL), the largest independent agriculture testing lab in Ontario based in Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

It offers high quality, reliable services providing *Measurements for Management* to all sectors of the agricultural industry, including analysis of feeds and forages, soils, fertilizers, plant tissue and greenhouse media and solutions. Founded in 1984, Agri-Food Laboratories recognizes and supports the use of precision farming including the use of GPS data management. It operates with a team of 30 experts and generated in 2010 revenues in excess of C\$ 3 million.

"SGS has for many years been present in the agricultural community in Western Canada and Quebec. With the acquisition of AFL, we will be able to provide additional SGS agricultural services to our new customers in Ontario and Eastern Canada", commented Chris Kirk, CEO of SGS.

The SGS Group is the global leader and innovator in inspection, verification, testing and certification services. Founded in 1878, SGS is recognized as the global benchmark in quality and integrity. With more than 64,000 employees, SGS operates a network of over 1,250 offices and laboratories around the world.